

To members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 673 without my signature.

In 2002 the local sales tax extension was put before the voters and failed to achieve the necessary votes. At that time voters had all of the information to make an informed decision.

Unfortunately, this bill removes crucial information required to be placed in the ballot measure to inform voters when deciding on increasing the sales tax for transportation improvements. No longer would voters be informed of the nature of the tax, the rate, or the length of time that each voter would be paying the tax. This information is extremely important for voters when deciding whether this tax increase is appropriate.

Transportation is essential to California's economic growth. I have instructed my Office of Planning and Research to work with the proponents of this bill to find a suitable solution to properly informing the voters of the project information while still providing them all the necessary information on the tax extension.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger